

Survey Snapshot

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We will have information including:

Which lubes are more commonly used for anal sex

How people use lube for anal sex

Preferred lube characteristics

Frequency of condom use during anal sex

We expect this information to be useful in helping all of us decide which lubes to test for rectal safety as a priority; understand which characteristics to aim for in rectal microbicide development and packaging; and learn how to improve lube and condom access. We will gain insight into differences among regions, genders and age and know more about anal sex practices as they relate to the sexual health of women and men from various regions around the world.

Here are some initial raw numbers:

Number of participants = 8,946

Number of women who participated = 911

Number of countries involved = 107

Number of weeks survey was available = 29

English surveys = 6,419

Portuguese surveys = 179

Spanish surveys = 381

French surveys = 93

German surveys = 105

Turkish surveys = 1,769